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In the Office Action of May 20, 2002, it is noted that Applicants' papers filed on 2/27/02 and 3/5/02 were not fully responsive to the prior Office Action, because they do not indicate which newly added claims are readable on the elected species, and Applicants are provided with an opportunity to supply the omitted information. The newly added claims are 79-87. All of claims 79-87 are believed to read on the elected species of Figs. 24-31. For claims 79-82, this should be clear.

With respect to claims 83-87, the species election required election between three species of different systems for engaging the toe end of the boot with the binding, i.e., Species I in Figs. 1-2, Species II in Figs. 24-31 and Species III in Figs. 32-37. Among these engagement systems, Applicants elected the species in Figs. 24-31. However, it should be noted that this engagement system is also disclosed in the application as part of a more complete boot and binding system, for example shown in Figs. 15-23. In this respect, Figs. 24-31 show a more detailed view of the

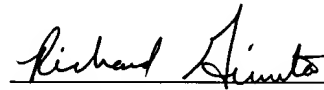
toe engagement system shown, for example, in Fig. 15. Thus, Figs. 15-31 actually all disclose a single complete system or species.

Claims 83-87 are readable on this species (see e.g., Fig. 15). Thus, it is respectfully asserted that these claims are readable on the elected species, as Figs. 15-23 do not constitute a different species than that in Figs. 24-31.

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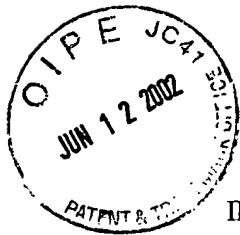
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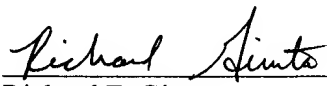
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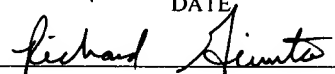
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